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MONESSEN OPERA HOUSE.

Twelfth Successful Season of the brilliant Southern Comedy

A Romance of Coon Hollow

See The Thrilling Burglary Tableau, The Dynamite Scene in Coon Hollow, The Flight from Home. The Historial Steamboat Race and Plantation Revels, The Stirring Tragedy at the Cotton Press.

Friday January..... 19

VALLEY PRESS ASSOCIATION

Of the Monongahela Valley Met at Belle Vernon Last Evening.

The Monongahela Valley Press Association met last evening at Belle Vernon and were tendered a banquet by Messrs. L. M. and C. H. Truxal of the Enterprise. Covers were laid for sixteen and all did ample justice to the spread which lasted from 8 to 11 p. m. Mr. Vernon Hazzard acted as toastmaster. A business session preceded the banquet in the office of the Enterprise, at which new officers were elected for a year: President, E. C. Niver; Vice President, E. P. Crouse; Secretary, J. F. S. Cowan; Treasurer, C. H. Truxal.

Following are the members and guests who were present: L. M. Truxal and C. H. Truxal, Belle Vernon; H. L. Lamb, L. A. Lamb and Phillp Hileman, California; Vernon Hazzard, L. E. Flint and E. C. Compton, Monongahela; E. C. Niver and H. E. Price, Charleroi; R. E. Kohler, Donora; E. P. Crouse, Brownsville; S. A. Beck, Fayette City; J. F. S. Cowan, Roscoe; Fred Speers and G. C. Diehl, Monessen.

All adjourned with one accord it was good to be there. The next meeting will be held at Brownsville, the guests of E. P. Crouse.

THE WATER SUPPLY

Being Improved by the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad.

The Pittsburg & Lake Erie will soon have four more water-purifying plants established on its lines. The success of the water-purifying system first installed at McKees Rocks about three years ago, has been so telling in its good effects on engine service that the company has not only placed nine other plants than that at McKees Rocks into use, but it will soon begin the construction of four more in a few days. The new plants will be located at Glassport, Sunnyside, Lynch and Newell. The plant at Glassport will be larger than the other three because of the new yards and shops that the Lake Erie will have in use there in a short time. The water used from these plants for the past couple of years has been purified and this has told remarkably in engine service by the company not having to replace corroded boiler tubes every few months. The new plants will be similar to the ones already in use, being of the Kennicott make. The Baltimore & Ohio will shortly take up the water-purifying problem, it is said, and will probably add more plants on its Pittsburg divison.

Oratorical Contest.

An oratorical contest to be held in Kelly's hall on Jan. 23, is being arranged by the W. C. T. U. Selections of music will be given by the High School glee club and selections by Miss Townsenn, Miss Evans and Mr. Bevin. Rev. J. V. Wright will make the presentation speech. Judges will be secured from out of town to decide the contest. Rev. M. M. Allbeck, who is training the class, will preside. An admission of only 10 cents will be charged.

Notice.

The Citizens' suggestion meeting will be held at the home of T. E. Newhouse next Wednesday evening, Jan. 24 at 7:30 p. m. By order of

COMMITTEE.

LOST—A pair of gold eyeglasses enclosed in a black box. Finder will please return same to Independent office.

LOST—A breast-pin, crescent shape with garnet stones. Please return to Daily Independent and receive reward.

WANTED—Boy or girl at this office to learn typesetting. Good position for the right party. Apply at once.

INTERESTING NEWS

Gathered by Our Reporters in Monessen and Vicinity.

Foile: articles—we are leaders—Light's

Mrs. R. G. Stanley is in McKeesport today.

C. W. Greer is a business visitor to the city today.

Mrs. Williard Elkins is spending the day in the city.

Kirk Sells It—If it's anything you need for baby.

For fine photos, try Cowan, 459 Schoonmaker avenue.

J. M. Yortz of the Monessen Savings & Trust Co., is in McKeesport today.

Knocks coughs—Whites Pine compound—Light's.

Extra value in hot water bottles and fountain syringes at Kirk's Drug store.

Peter Amann, the Donner avenue grocer, went to Pittsburg today on a business trip

Mrs. J. L. Nayhouse and infant daughter are visiting her father, Lewis Raden in McKeesport.

Anti-chap cures rough, red, chapped hands over night, 15c at Kirk's Drug store.

Special sale on spring suits at $15 each. —Anton Fisher, the tailor, Savings & Trust building. 67 tf

J. L. Nayhouse has bought one-half interest in the clothing store of his father-in-law, Lewis Raden, at McKeesport and expects to take charge in the near future.

Dr. Barben, Dentist—Don't neglect your teeth, a crown or filling now may save trouble later on.

Prof. R. W. Himelick, superintendent of the Monessen public schools, is at Greensburg, attending the director's meeting, which is being held at that place today.

$15,000.00 to loan on first mortgages, in sums from $1,000.00 to $10,000.00. Inquire of W. W. Luce & Co., Monessen and Belle Vernon.

Ross F. Wicks arrived in town this afternoon. His subject this evening at the Opera House is a timely topic, "Looking for a Man"—considering the local political situation. Special prices for this number, 15 and 25 cts.

Earl Shutterly very pleasantly entertained a number of friends at his home on Donner avenue last evening. Music and songs occupied most of the evening, while games were also indulged in. Refreshments were served, after which all departed for their homes.

The Pennypacker senatorial apportionment bill was introduced in the senate at Harrisburg Tuesday by Algernon B. Roberts. In the bill Fayette county is listed as one district, the Thirtysixth, Fulton, Bedford and Somerset as the Thirty-fourth, Greene and Washington as the Thirty-eighth and Westmoreland as the Thirty-ninth.

Murdered Italian Has Rich Mother.

Yesterday afternoon, Coroner Wynn, assisted by Drs. Portser and McMurray, held a post mortem on the remains of Joe Ross, the Italian who met his death at Jamison No. 1, on Monday night, from a pistol shot wound. It was found that the ball had entered the breast on a line with the fourth rib and had ranged downward and backward in its course cutting a gash in the apex of the heart, and lodging in the muscles of the back, where it was found. It is alleged that the mother of Ross in Italy, is a woman of considerable means, and that the deceased had left his native country on account of having gotten into some trouble with the police. Mrs Ross will be notified of her son's untimely end. The remains will be interred this afternoon at 2 o'clock and an inquest will be held in Cosbey's morgue by Dr. Wynn at 3 o'clock.

Prison Expense $17,000.

Controller John D. Hitchman has received bills from the Western penitentiary, Morganza and Warneeville for the keeping of persons sent from this county for the past three months. They amount to 17,000.

AT THE THEATRE.

If length of public life is a clue to a play's popularity, then the comedy drama, "A Romance of Coon Hollow" is one of the greatest favorites we have, as it is over eleven years since it founded into popularity at the Fourteenth street theatre, New York. It is easy to understand this, as the comedy is full of fun, quaint characters, possesses a very interesting story, and one of the kind the public likes. It comes in new shape, having been overhauled and brought up-to-date, and with a better than average company, besides the extra features of a vocal quartet and a troupe of "hot" buck dancers, the play is also put on with special scenery, all of which is carried It contains more than one "thriller and many sterling dramatic scenes. At the opera house Friday night.

No more pathetic character in real life could have been introduced in "The Little Homestead" than the hunched-backed cripple, whose dog-like devotion to the woman who has befriended him while others cursed and screamed, leads him to take take the life of the man who has robbed her of home, happiness and has made her forget the marriage vows. Even with his weakened intellect, the cripple realizes he has been put in the world for a purpose and he acts. In fact all of the characters in "The Little Homestead" are taken from life, and the story itself is given the added charm of realism through its quaint New England setting and its portrayal of that which makes for the good and evil of the world. "The Little Homestead" will be seen at the Monessen opera house on Saturday January 20.

Attention Colored Knights of Pythias.

There will be a meeting of the charter committee Knights of Pythias held in Mt. Olive Baptist church, Ninth and Motheral avenue, Thursday evening, Jan. 25, for the purpose of organizing a charter for Monessen. A full attendance of all colored Knights of Pythias is requested, also those who think of joining the order.

COM { R. JACKSON, H. WILLIAMS RUBEN WYLIE

Mine Official Murdered.

An Italian who goes by the name of Charles Smith, alias Charles Ross, stabbed Ed. Rankin to death yesterday at Smock and made his escape, though pursued by a mob of infuriated miners. A telephone message from Brazoell states that he has been caught there. Officers have gone for Smith. Rankin was a well known mine official and was formerly employed at the Frick works at Brownsville.

What Could He Do?

"One of the most peculiar defenses, and at the same time one of the worst comparisons I ever heard, was when I first ascended the bench" said Judge Cabaniss. "A man was up before me for beating his wife, and as usual, I asked him what he had to say before I passed sentence upon him. He said:

"Say, judge, you're a married man, ain't you? Well, suppose you was enjoying your dinner and feelin' pretty good, and suddenly your wife came in, and, after telling you of all the fellers she could have instead of you, started chucking the dishes at you, and ended by telling you that she could make a better man than you out of a piece of coal and an old hat and not half try — say, judge, what would you do?"

"I couldn't very well tell him" concluded the judge, "so I simply had to discharge him with a warning."—Boston Herald.

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WEBSTER NOTES.

France Beyer was a visitor to Monessen today.

Rev. George Vogel was in Monongahela today on business.

Miss Rosie Sterling is visiting at the home of Mrs. May Jones.

Misses Edith and Annie Marchel were in Monessen today shopping.

Mrs. Henry Lange who has been at the Mercy hospital for some time, has returned home greatly improved in health.

Quite a number of our townspeople attended the Masonic banquet at Donora last evening. All report having a very enjoyable time.

Miss Dessa Smith and daughter, Miss Leta of Pittsburg, returned home last evening, after spending a short time with Mrs. Daniel Pierce.

Crystal Purpose Division No. 42, Sons of Temperance will hold their third anniversary tonight in Brown's hall. All members are requested to be present.

A surprise party was tendered Miss Annie Fell last evening. About thirty of her friends gathered at her home and a very enjoyable evening was spent in games and innocent amusements. Last, but not least, a delightful lunch was served. All report having a good time

A good many people are using Hyomei these days. It is the only guaranteed cure for catarrh, where you get your money back unless it cures. Druggist Warnock has the local agency.

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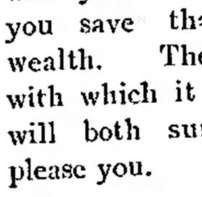

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Luck.

Abraham Lincoln, after being a member of congress, desired to secure a clerkship in Washington, but he was defeated by Justin Butterfield. He was disappointed but had he not been defeated he would have spent his life in obscurity instead of becoming president of the United States.

Oliver Cromwell was once on board a ship bound for America, but he was taken back by a constable, and the result was that he became one of the greatest men England ever knew.

Ulysses Grant would not have been a military man had it not been that his rival for a West Point cadetship had been found to have six toes on each foot instead of five.

The great silver mine, the Silver King, had been discovered by the lucky accident of a prospector throwing a piece of rock at a lazy mule.

St. Nicholas.

Santa Claus was born in Patavia, in Asia Minor. That was not his real name. He was an abbot and named St. Nicholas. He afterward became archbishop of Myra. At the latter place he died and was duly buried. In May, 1087, his remains were carried by some pious Italians to Bari, on the Adriatic coast. They are now at rest in a splendid church which bears his name. The people around about make a pilgrimage to his shrine every year. No one seeking food on that occasion is refused it by the priests, while accommodation is given to as many pilgrims as the edifice will hold. On St. Nicholas' day, Dec. 6, a great celebration takes place in his honor. Early in the morning the populace take his image from the priests and carry it through the town. At night the city is grandly illuminated.

Humming Birds.

Scientifically humming birds are "trochilidae," and those who make a special study of them are "trochilidists," although the birds are not identical with the old Greek "trochilus," or "runner," bird, which, according to Herodotus, entered the jaws of the sleeping crocodile and obliged its big friend by picking leeches from his throat. The Spanish name for the humming bird is "tominejo," meaning a third of a dram and referring, of course, to the bird's minuteness. But the prettiest names are those, such as the French "frou-frou," which refer to the humming noise sometimes produced by the almost incredibly rapid vibration of the wings. "Purring with her wings" is the expression of Thomas Morton (1632), the first English writer to mention the humming bird.

A Perfect Leaf.

The teacher of a large class in one of the New York schools once said to the pupils who were leaving for the summer: "I want each of you to search for a perfect leaf and bring it to me when school reopens. Remember, it must be perfect—every tooth right, not to speak of mold or blight or discoloration, not a vein broken." They searched faithfully, but none found a perfect leaf, though they learned a great deal about leaves while they examined them thus carefully.—New York Times.

The Human Voice.

One's surprise at the fact that no two persons' voices are perfectly alike ceases when one is informed by an authority on the subject that, though there are only nine perfect tones in the human voice, there is the astounding number of 17,592,186,044,415 different sounds. Of these fourteen direct muscles produce 16,383, and thirty indirect muscles produce 173,741,823, while all in co-operation produce the total given above.

A Generous Actor.

Sir Henry Irving one day met a broken down actor in the Strand. "I never see you at the theater now," said Sir Henry. The other murmured something about his ill luck and shabbiness. "Oh, nonsense; you come tomorrow and give your name at the box office" He went, to find two tickets awaiting him, with a fifty dollar note.

A Domestic Discussion.

Wife—William, I do think our boys are the worst I ever saw. I'm sure they don't get it from me. Husband (snappishly)—Well, they don't get it from me. Wife (reflectively)—No, William; you seem to have all yours yet.

The Very Least.

"Ah!" he sighed. "If you only gave me the least possible hope I"—

"Good gracious!" retorted the hard hearted belle. "I've been giving you the least I ever gave to any man!"

No Doubt.

Jack—What seemed to be the hardest thing to you in learning to ride the bicycle? Tom—The ground.

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FULFILLMENT OF A PROPHECY

[Original.]

Tradition said that the feud between the Colorino and the Martelli families began by a Martelli man carrying off a Colorino woman, that no issue came from the union and that the feud would one day be ended by a Colorino man carrying off a Martelli woman. For generations romantic youngsters used to concoct situations for this final elopement, the story gaining dramatic strength with each generation.

The Martellis were originally an Italian family, the Colorinos natives of Corsica. After most of the members of both families had been killed off a Colorino removed to Florence, where the last of the Martellis lived, in order that he might exterminate them. He succeeded in getting rid of all that was left except Signora Lucrecia Martelli and her infant daughter Gianetta, but in the last encounter lost his own life.

Signora Martelli grew old, cherishing a bitter hatred against the Colorino family, and brought her daughter up to regard them all as monsters. But the strife was mere history to the child, whose hate for the Colorinos was much like that of an American girl studying the history of our Revolution for an Englishman.

When Gianetta was nineteen her mother spent much time with her in the galleries of Florence, for the girl was devoted to art and painted well in water colors. One morning, when the two were in one of the principal galleries, they came upon a young man who was copying a painting. Unlike Italians generally, his eyes were blue and his hair a soft brown. He was absorbed in his work and did not notice the lookers on till one of them spoke directly behind him. Then he turned and, with a smile, offered to get them chairs. The elder declined the civility, and after remarking to her daughter how well the copyist had caught the spirit of the original they passed on.

Nature has given to human beings as well as to doves an instinct by which mates may recognize each other. The artist was deterred in his work for the rest of the day by Gianetta's face coming between him and his canvas, and Gianetta saw only the blue eyes, the brown hair and the sweet smile of the artist. Weeks passed, and the images were by no means diminished for the man or the girl. Then one evening at a ball, when Gianetta was standing beside her mother, she saw one of her friends coming toward them and with him—her heart stood still—the object of her dreams.

"I beg leave to present Lorenzo Colorino."

Of the four figures in this living picture Signora Martelli drew back as if to avoid a wasp, Gianetta turned pale, while the artist and the friend were transfixed with astonishment at the reception they received.

"Come, Gianetta," said the mother.

"Signora," said the mutual friend, "may I not know the cause of this treatment?"

"Signor Colorino will explain when you tell him that we are Martelli."

As the ladies moved away the mutual friend looked at the artist inquiringly. Colorino explained that he had heard of a feud between the two families, but he had supposed it had died out about the time he was born. The explanation was satisfactory, and the two friends separated.

Signora Martelli noticed from this time that her daughter was absorbed, startled when approached or spoken to suddenly—in short, showed signs of having something hanging over her. Months passed before an explanation came. Then the mother discovered a note in her daughter's possession signed "L. C." From that time Gianetta was a prisoner, and her mother hired a Spanish duenna, Papinta by name, to keep a constant watch upon her. Papinta had no especial sympathy with young lovers. She was paid well and was incorruptible.

One morning Signora Martelli received a telegram that her sister was dying in Pisa. Giving Papinta instructions to keep a careful watch, she threw a few things into a bag and drove to the station. She had not been gone an hour when a gentleman with white hair and beard drove up to the house and asked for his sister, Signora Martelli, saying that he had been informed of their sister's death while at Rome and had come to go on in company with Signora Martelli. Gianetta welcomed him as her uncle, but the duenna, having no knowledge of him, declined to receive him. He pleaded that he could not get a train to Pisa till afternoon, but was given no comfort from Papinta except that he might leave his trunk, a very large one, in the hall. Then he went away, agreeing to return for it at 3 o'clock.

At 2 Gianetta was taken very ill, and at a quarter past 2 Papinta went for the doctor. Just as she returned the gentleman returned for his trunk. It was carried out as Papinta and the doctor entered.

But where was Gianetta?

Signora Martelli found her sister perfectly well and, suspecting something wrong, hurried home. There she learned of her spurious brother and the trunk and Gianetta's mysterious disappearance. Then it was all plain to her. She had been drawn away by the telegram, and the spurious brother was the hated Colorino, who had carried off Gianetta in a trunk.

Signora Martelli as a girl had had her own fancies about the final abduction, and they were all pictured in gilded balcony ladders and flying steeds. When it dawned upon her that her daughter had fulfilled the prophecy by being ignominiously taken out in a trunk she fell on her face and wept.

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super-Mare on a "short treat" excursion. Naturally the vicar, the curate and the rest of the tenor, trebles and basses, as soon as the esplanade was reached, gathered around to see how the first sight of the ocean would strike the natural man. Will it be believed that the words struck from him by the view of "the unfurrowed deep" lying in vast expanse before his eyes were these, "If I'd known what her was like, I'd have brought down a bit of soap and had a good wash." The iron or, rather, the soap, had entered so deeply into his soul that he could only conceive the sea as a huge washing place.—London Spectator.

Wagner's Shorn Locks.

Wagner, the composer, at one time became afflicted with headaches and determined to have his hair cut. He accordingly arranged with a barber to perform the operation on a certain day. That worthy resolved to make a good thing of it and informed all his customers of Wagner's impending sacrifice. Most of them paid him a certain sum down in advance to make sure of a lock of the great musician's hair. To the barber's horror Mme. Wagner superintended the cutting and when it was over appropriated the whole of the coveted locks. The barber, in despair, confessed that he had sold them many times over, whereupon madam suggested that her butcher had hair very much like Wagner's. And the story goes that that night half Dresden slept with the butcher's hair under its pillow.

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The Chesapeake, famous for her encounter with the British ship Shannon in the war of 1812, is still in existence. When she was captured by the British she was taken to England by her captor, Sir Philip Broke, and some years later her timbers were sold. The purchaser was a miller in Wiskham, and when he pulled down his old mill he built a new one from the timbers of the Chesapeake. Many of these timbers still have the marks of the Shannon's grapeshot, and in some places the shots are still to be seen deeply imbedded in the pitch pine. If the builder who made this ship knew that its timbers were being used in a mill which is making money for a subject of Great Britain there is no doubt that he would at least try to rise from his grave to right the wrong.

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A THOUSAND A YEAR

By Frank H. Sweet

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A flash across an open space so quick between cover and cover as to leave only an impression of bush tail and pointed nose and then a wild chorus of discovering yelps, accompanied by a dozen forms plunging frantically across the open space and into the chinquapin bushes beyond.

But fifty feet farther on was an outcropping hedge broken by crevices and tunnels into a natural and safe hiding place for the hunted. From the time the fox had been started, an hour before, its winding and doubling course had been tending gradually toward this asylum, as if with an idea that after playing with the dogs until weary of the sport or perhaps feeling the need of rest it could whisk into safety. For the last few minutes the fox had tantalizingly checked its speed until the open jaws of the pack almost closed upon the bushy tail; then, with a sudden jaunty tilt, the brush rose into the air as if in parting salute and with its owner dropped into one of the narrow crevices, leaving the pack yelping its disappointment without. A few minutes later two horses with their riders crossed the space and came to a stop among the dogs.

"I am glad he escaped, even if it isn't sportsmanlike," laughed one of them. "I felt sure the dogs would get him at the open back there, they were so close. It was a narrow escape."

"I'm not so sure of that, Miss Bristow," the other answered. "The fox struck me as looking too fresh for such dangerous propinquity to be natural. I've an idea his plans were all laid regarding this ledge and that he was merely amusing himself with the dogs. Shall I call them off and start them in search of a new scent? Nothing can draw this fox from his stronghold now."

"No; wait until papa comes. His falling behind meant that his horse went lame, and he probably has gone back to the stable for another. He will join us before long."

She touched her horse lightly, urging him to the top of the ledge, from which they could look down into the valley. Allan followed closely.

"It is one of the most beautiful spots I ever saw," he said as his gaze swept over the broad, fertile acres of the farm to the lofty ridges that inclosed it on every side. "You have the grandeur of wild, untouched nature joined to the charm of peaceful rural life—a rare combination."

His eyes left the valley and came back to her, with an expression in them that made her turn away with a half smile. Allan had been here two months now and in that time had learned things that had not hitherto entered into his plans for a livelihood. His hand trembled slightly as it checked the restiveness of his horse.

"Yes; it is beautiful here, and we are happy," she answered, but there was trouble in her voice. Then with sudden raillery: "You ought to be happy, too, Mr. Tisdale, if, as they say, it is prosperity that makes happiness. We had a letter from Emmet yesterday, and he writes glowingly of your mine. He thinks there is a lot of money in it. And," looking at him inquiringly, "he writes as though he might purchase an interest in the mine."

Allan's face became grave.

"I hope not," he answered. "I like your brother Emmet too well to wish him such bad luck. He broached the subject to me once, and I put him off. I thought perhaps his management of the mine for awhile would disenchant him. Emmet's great fault is being too sanguine, though," with a grimace. "I was somewhat that way myself, I suppose."

"The mine didn't pay?"

"It has cost me a thousand a year above my income so far, and"—

He stopped suddenly, for she was laughing, irresistibly, it seemed.

"I beg your pardon," she gasped, checking herself with an effort. "I—something struck me as very funny. But please go on. I will not laugh any more. A thousand a year, you said?"

"Yes," looking at her curiously, "above the income I receive from England. I wouldn't like Emmet to incur the same loss. As soon as I get back I shall try to sell. The machinery will be worth a small sum. And," his face kindling and his eyes again sweeping over the valley and back to her face, "I have found it. I always liked agriculture, but never realized it could show up to such advantage as it does here. My idea was that farmers had to keep hold of plow handles and things, but your father doesn't do anything except go fox hunting and read magazines and listen to his foreman's report, and only this morning he told me that he had no other resources than the farm. I—I have been thinking of it all the morning. I will buy a valley just like this somewhere in the neighborhood and be a farmer, and with what I have we—I can soon build a nice house." He paused, looking embarrassed, then went on hurriedly, "If I can make a living of it—enough for two, I mean—will you—will you help me, Lois?"

She had thrown up her hand, as though to stop him.

"Wait a minute, Mr. Tisdale," she cried impetuously. "I had not intended to tell you, but I must now. You must not try farming—for a livelihood, I mean. Our farm looks prosperous, and I love the valley here better than any place in the world, but—but we have been running behind a thousand a year ever since we bought the place. That was what made me laugh when you said you were losing a thousand. It seemed so funny. You must not try farming for a living. As to the rest, I—I," her face flushing rosily, "am willing to help you, Allan."

She looked at him shyly, but his face had suddenly grown stern. He shook his head hopelessly.

"I must take it all back, Lois," he groaned. "I cannot make a living for one. But here comes your father."

Mr. Bristow reined in beside them, his face inquiring.

"Hello, what are you waiting here for?" he exclaimed. "If one fox has outwitted you, why don't you start another? What's the matter? You look like a funeral."

"I—I have been telling Allan—Mr Tisdale—about our falling behind," stammered Lois. "You see, he spoke of buying a farm and following our example, and I couldn't let him go on thinking the valley was as prosperous as it looked on the surface."

Mr. Bristow's face fell. "Might have waited until a rainy day," he grumbled, "and not spoil a good chase with such news. But long's it's out, it's out, and I suppose you couldn't do anything less, Lois. We couldn't stand by and allow a guest to run the chance of losing money, of course. Yes, Mr. Tisdale," his face becoming as overcast as their own, "it's all true. We'll have to sell the valley—the finest property I ever owned. A man can't stand it to fall behind a thousand dollars every year with nothing in the background."

Allan stared, half rose in his saddle, his face becoming transfigured.

"A thousand dollars!" he cried joyously. "Is that what you mean? Can you run a place like this and only run behind a thousand dollars?"

"That's what I said," rather testily, "and enough for a man to lose every year, the Lord knows."

Allan whirled to Lois.

"I'll take all that back once more," he cried, "what I said last. I can make a living, and I want you to help me." Then to his puzzled host: "Don't you sell the farm, sir. There won't be any need. I thought Lois—she's promised to be my wife, you know—meant pounds. That's what I've been losing. But yours are dollars—dollars. Don't you see the difference will be nearly four thousand—dollars? That will be a nice profit for us, with what the farm yields. I will buy part of the valley, or the whole of it if you like, or we will live on it together."

Mr. Bristow was choking.

"You and Lois may fix that up between you," he gasped at last. "The problem is too complicated for me. But I'm glad the valley isn't to be sold. Now let us get the dogs on a new scent. The foxes will be getting old and fat if we leave them like this."

A Buttered Book.

How the Rev. Mr. Johnston, a Scottish minister and the author of numerous books, succeeded in getting one of his works reviewed by Alexander Russel, the distinguished editor of the Scotsman, is told by the writer of "Famous Editors."

A member of Mr. Johnston's congregation was an old and valued servant in Mr. Russel's family. When the preacher published his new book he asked this member to bring it under the notice of her master, with the request to review it in the columns of the Scotsman. Glad to be of service to her master, the good woman lost no time in making her wish known to the celebrated editor and next morning placed "The Gospel Roll" beside his breakfast cup.

When at breakfast, Mr. Russel took up the book and remarked, with a merry twinkle in his eye, "Helen, this is an awful dry roll which you have given me this morning."

"Perhaps it is, sir," the servant quickly replied, "but you can butter it weel on both sides."

Next morning an excellent review appeared.

The Dance.

In his "Die Anfaenge der Kunst" ("The Beginnings of Art") Dr. E. Grosse investigates primitive art and its sociological aspects. He shows how in the dance there was social evolution. The dance was among savages a significance and value which civilized races do not appreciate. The dance originally might not have been for the pleasure it gave. That came later. At first the dance may have been one of the preparatives for war or a propitiatory act. Anyhow it brought men together and became a social factor. It must have gone, too, hand in hand, or, rather, foot by foot, with music. At first such music was simply rhythmical. Possibly all the early hunting folks danced. We may not today deem dancing an art, but it was a motive power. It must have helped to bring about personal decoration, and then came the first faint glimmer of an aesthetic conception.

The Woes of a Beekeeper.

A German beekeeper undertook to carry some of his choicest bees to a bee show. He took a train in Hanover with his bees in a basket at his feet. The bees escaped from the basket and crawled up his trousers legs. His actions soon aroused suspicions in the hearts of two women who occupied the same compartment with him. They pulled the bell cord and stopped the train. When the bee fancier explained the situation he was placed in an empty compartment to have it out with the bees all by himself. Here he removed his trousers and began shaking them out of the window to free them of the swarm. Unfortunately they caught a telegraph pole and were swept away, bees, money and all. At the next station the irate station master brought forth the reluctant bee fancier in a rug, and he pawned his watch to acquire decent raiment to walk back along the line in search of his bees and trousers.

A GIVE-AWAY

[Original.]

"Why, Bert," exclaimed Irene, "where did you come from?"

"The city, of course. That's where I hang out."

"But you never come out to this quiet suburb unless you have an object."

"Object! What object?"

Irene looked a trifle disappointed. "Haven't you heard?" she asked.

"Heard! Heard what?"

"Oh, pshaw! I asked your object in coming to Fernwood. You certainly did not come to make a formal call."

"Well, then, my dear, since you will have it so I came out to congratulate you on your engagement to my most intimate friend." And I gave my sister a smack.

"Were you surprised?"

"Surprised? Of course I was surprised. Sandie always said he wouldn't marry a girl with money; that he wouldn't 'play second fiddle' to any woman. He must be desperately in love with you."

A happy look came into her eyes, and a warm color slowly spread itself over her cheeks

"You heard it from"—

"Him. He has already asked me to be his best man—to give him away and all that."

"The best man doesn't give the groom away. The groom isn't given away at all. It's the bride."

"Well, I'm quite sure," with a malicious twinkle in my eye, "that Sandie said something about giving him away. Perhaps it was not to give him away."

"What?"

There was so sudden a transition from pleasure to pain that I gave over being facetious temporarily and said seriously:

"I suppose you are quite aware that Sandie has nothing but his profession?"

"I know that. It's fortunate I have something. But tell me—had you any inkling of it?"

My trouble has always been a tendency to joke people. I had very much suspected Irene's and Sandie's love affair, but I preferred to give her the opposite impression. Since that time I have learned that I never could give people a direct answer. I must always be misleading them. But I didn't realize it or the folly of it till later.

"Not the slightest suspicion," I said in reply to her question.

"That's queer," she said thoughtfully. "You are Sandie's most intimate friend, and people must tell their love to those nearest them."

"Men differ about that; women must always have a confidant."

"And he never praised me to you?"

"Not that I remember. Still waters run deep, you know."

There was a pause, during which Irene was evidently doing a good deal of thinking.

"When did you first suspect?" she asked presently.

"Last fall, when I met Sandie at the station on his way out here to see you. I was going to Pinnacle. That was—let me see—the 1st of November. I remember the date because I had to go to Pinnacle on that day to attend court. Sandie when he saw me looked disconcerted. 'Where are you bound for, old man?' I asked. 'To Fernwood,' he stammered, coloring. 'What you got in your hand?' I blurted, not thinking of the rudeness of the question. 'Flowers,' he replied. Then I began to see that I was tramping about in a bed of budding plants. 'Goodby!' I shouted as I dashed off to get my train."

While I was giving this little episode, to which Irene listened breathlessly, a marked change came over her features. There was a growing expression of pain, which settled down, after I had finished, to a hard, cold, rigid look.

"If Sandie asked you to give him away," she said, "you have certainly accommodated him in the most friendly manner. I was at home on the 1st of November. No Sandie appeared. Lou Westcott doubtless received the call and the flowers. What I suspected is now confirmed. Sandie wished to marry Lou, but she is poor, and he gave her up for me."

She stalked out of the room, turning only to say: "I'm awfully obliged, Bert, for giving Sandie away. You've done me the greatest favor of my life."

"Hold on, Irene! I made up most of that story. It's true I met Sandie at the station, but never asked him a word"—

There was no use finishing, for I heard a door bang upstairs.

"Well, I'll come out all right," I said to myself. "There'll be a tiff, Sandie will explain, and they'll kiss and make up." Thus comforting myself, I left the house and returned to the city. On arriving I went straight to Sandie's rooms—for I felt anxious—but didn't find him. The next day I went to his office, but he was not there. I didn't see him till another morning, when I met him on the street.

He gave me a dead cut. I joined him to have it out.

"What's the matter, Sandie?"

"What did you give me away for? I thought all men stood by all men, even if the woman was a sister."

"Give you away? How?"

"You told Irene that I went to Fernwood on Nov. 1 with some flowers for Lou Westcott."

"No, I didn't. I told her you took the flowers to her."

"Well, I didn't. I took them to Lou, who has been an old flame of mine. I went to announce my engagement with a peace offering."

"By thunder!"

It was two years before I gave Sandie away again, but the second time it was at the altar.

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